



Biography

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WRIGHT BRASS

Staff Sergeant J. LAWRENCE WILEY, trumpet. SSgt Wiley was born in Ashland, KY and raised in Catlettsburg, KY. He studied trumpet at Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, on a full scholarship. While at Morehead he performed with the Kentucky All-collegiate Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. After finishing his bachelors degree, he continued work on his masters degree as a graduate assistant at Morehead. SSgt Wiley enlisted in the Air Force in 1990, and has been stationed at Wright-Patterson since that time. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Wiley is the NCOIC of Wright Brass and the Band of Flight's Unit Training Manager.

Staff Sergeant ERIC A. KNORR, trumpet. SSgt Knorr was born in Rochester, NY. He holds a bachelor of music degree in trumpet performance from The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH and a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from The University of Akron in Akron, OH. SSgt. Knorr has also persued a Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. SSgt. Knorr enlisted in the Air Force in March of 1995, and has served as a member of the USAF Heartland of America Band, Offutt Air Force Base, NE, prior to being assigned to the USAF Band of Flight in August, 2001. In addition to his performance duties, SrA Knorr serves as the NCOIC, Vehicle Control Officer and as the Band of Flight's Tax Advisor.

Staff Seargent HUGHEY L. HANCOCK JR., horn. SrA Hancock was born in Sumter, SC. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Furman University in Greenville, SC in 1989 and a Master of Music in Horn Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in 1992. SrA Hancock has five years of teaching experience in schools in South Carolina and Ohio and performs regularly with orchestras throughout southwest Ohio, southeastern Indiana and northern Kentucky. He joined the Air Force Band of Flight in August 1996. In addition to his performance duties, SrA Hancock is an operations coordinator for Wright Brass and the Concert Band.

Airman First Class DAVID P. McCORMICK, trombone. A1C McCormick was born in Baltimore, MD. After graduating from Middletown HS in 1996 where he received numerous musical awards, he continued his studies at Ithaca College, graduating with a bachelor of music degree, summa cum laude, in 2000. Airman McCormick enlisted in the Air Force in March, 2001, and joined the USAF Band of Flight in May. In addition to his performance duties with the concert band, jazz band, and brass quintet, he serves as the AIC of the music library.

Senior Airman STEPHEN LARSON, percussionist. A1C Larson was born in Wooster, OH. He grew up in Parma, OH, where he began studying percussion instruments in the second grade. After graduation from Parma Senior High School in 1993, and continued his studies at Cleveland State University where he was awarded bachelor degrees in music and economics. A1C Larson enlisted in The United States Air Force in June, 1999, and began his present assignment with the Band of Flight in September 1999. In addition to his performance duties, Airman Larson serves as a public affairs representative.

Staff Seargent JOHN H. RIDER, tuba. SrA Rider grew up in Honeoye Falls, NY. While in high school he was the principal tuba with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. After high school he attended the University of North Texas where he earned Bachelor and Master degrees and taught first as a Teaching Fellow, and later as an adjunct faculty member. SrA Rider has performed with the Bluebonnet Brass as well as being a soloist, clinician and teacher in the Dallas area. He has six years of service with the 531st Air Force Band of the Texas Air National Guard before joining the Band of Flight in 1998. In addition to his performance duties, SrA Rider NCOIC of accessions.